(b) An outlay of Rs. 86984 crores including budgetary support of Rs. 1500 crores has been approved for the telecommunication sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007)

(c) and (d) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Department of Telecommunications, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is to provide 75 lakh telephone lines during the year 2005-06. Out of these, 10 lakh lines are to be provided in Basic Services and 65 lakh lines in Mobile Services respectively.

Height and depth of towers

3238. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what should be the height and depth of tower for receiving clear connecting of mobile connection;

(b) whether the tower installed in the country fulfil the requirement, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken against the defaulter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Height of tower for receiving clear connection of Mobile depends upon network engineering. There is no fixed height of tower applicable in all cases. The height of towers depend on various parameters such as target area/ population to be covered, technology used, terrain, type of cluster in terms of building density, aviation hazard, network design etc. The depth of tower depends upon soil conditions, height of tower and type of tower.

(b) The Licence Agreement for mobile services does not prescribe any specific requirement regarding the height or depth of towers for providing mobile services.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Telephone facilities in the villages of Rajasthan

3239. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Rajasthan having telephone facilities as on date, district-wise;

(b) the number of those villages where the said facility could not be provided so far;

(c) by when these villages would be covered; and

(d) the details of the necessary steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) A statement indicating district-wise number of villages in the State of Rajasthan having telephone facility as on 31.10.2005 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) 9,273 villages in Rajasthan do not have telephone facility as on 31.10.2005. This excludes villages having less than 100 population, laying in thick forest area/naxalite infested areas etc.

(c) and (d) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an agreement with BSNL in November, 2004 for providing VPTs in remaining unconnected villages in the country which are inhabited and do not lie in thick forest areas/naxalite infested areas. These VPTs are to be provided progressively by November, 2007.

This includes 12,386 villages in Rajasthan out of which 3,113 villages have been provided VPTs till 31.10.2005.

Statement

District-wise number of villages in the State of Rajasthan having telephone facility

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of Villages
1	2	3
1	Ajmer	989
2	Alwar	1,412
3	Banswara	824
4	Dungarpur	667
5	Barmer	962
6	Bharatpur	946
7	Dholpur	400
8	Bhilwara	1,346

1	2	3
9	Bikaner	552
10	Bundi	564
11	Chittorgarh	1,066
12	Churu	806
13	Jaipur	1,169
14	Dausa	597
15	Jaisalmer	382
16	Jhalawar	712
17	Jhunjhunu	853
18	Jodhpur	866
19	Kota	689
20	Baran	724
21	Nagaur	1,367
22	Pali	842
23	SWM	465
24	Karuli	564
25	Sikar	813
26	Sirohi	414
27	Jalore	651
28	Sriganganagar	1,609
29	Hanumangarh	1,080
30	Tonk	688
31	Udaipur	1,158
32	Rajsamand	816
	GRAND TOTAL:	26993

Introduction of mobile services in Bihar

†3240. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.